

JANUARY 25, 2007

**SENATE RESOLUTION 43—HONORING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION OF THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 43

Whereas the Academy of Music opened in 1857 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and quickly became the most prestigious opera house in the United States;

Whereas the Academy of Music is the oldest grand opera house in the United States that is still used for its original purpose;

Whereas, in 1963, the Academy of Music was designated a National Historic Landmark;

Whereas, over the years, the Academy of Music served not only as a venue for the performing arts community, but has also hosted many graduation ceremonies, along with several Presidential conventions and other important public events;

Whereas the Academy of Music served as the Philadelphia Orchestra's main concert hall for more than a century, and the Orchestra purchased the Academy in 1957 and performs each year for the Academy's anniversary;

Whereas the Academy of Music has had a host of legendary artists grace its stage, from the disciplines of classical to popular music, dance, and drama, including Maria Callas, Joan Sutherland, Marian Anderson, Frank Sinatra, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Anna Pavlova, Ruth St. Denis, Ted Shawn, and Margot Fonteyn;

Whereas the Academy of Music has also hosted several sporting events, was turned into an indoor skating rink in 1866, had a wooden floor installed over the parquet level in 1889 to create space for an indoor football game between the University of Pennsylvania and the Riverton Club of Princeton, and had a wooden floor installed again in 1892 for the University of Pennsylvania for a track meet; and

Whereas the Academy of Music has also been a part of other historical and cultural events, such as a demonstration of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in 1877, the first ever concert in stereophonic sound in 1933 performed by Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra, the filming of "One Hundred Gentlemen and a Girl" in 1937, and the recording of the soundtrack of the Disney classic "Fantasia" by the Philadelphia Orchestra in 1939: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on its 150th anniversary;

(2) honors the important contributions of the Academy of Music to the Nation; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Academy of Music.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 209. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

SA 210. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, *supra*.

SA 211. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

**TEXT OF AMENDMENTS**

SA 209. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; as follows:

On page 4, line 8, strike "2011" and insert "2013".

SA 210. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; as follows:

On page 4, strike lines 4 through 8 and insert the following:

**SEC. 201. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF INCREASED EXPENSING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

Section 179 (relating to election to expense certain depreciable business assets) is amended by striking "and before 2010" each place it appears.

On page 4, strike lines 18 through 24 and insert the following:

(1) PERMANENT EXTENSION OF LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 168(e)(3)(E)(iv) is amended by striking "placed in service before January 1, 2008".

(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this paragraph shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2007.

On page 4, after line 24 add insert the following:

(2) PERMANENT EXTENSION OF RESTAURANT IMPROVEMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 168(e)(3)(E)(v) is amended by striking "placed in service before January 1, 2008".

(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this paragraph shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2007.

On page 6, strike lines 4 through 6 and insert the following:

"(ix) any qualified retail improvement property."

On page 12, strike lines 19 through 21 and insert the following:

(a) PERMANENT EXTENSION OF COMBINED WORK OPPORTUNITY CREDIT AND WELFARE-TO-WORK CREDIT.—Section 51(c) is amended by striking paragraph (4).

SA 211. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; as follows:

At the end of section 102 of the amendment, add the following:

(c) APPLICABILITY TO AMERICAN SAMOA.—Notwithstanding sections 5, 6(a)(3), 8, 10, and 13(e) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 205, 206(a)(3), 208, 210, 213(e)), sub-

sections (a) and (b) of this section shall apply to American Samoa in the same manner as such subsections apply to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES**

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, January 26, 2007, at 9 a.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on recent Chinese anti-satellite testing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Erin Bergman of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 172**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 172 and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 14, S. Res. 24.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 24) designating January 2007 as National Stalking Awareness Month.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without further intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 24) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 24

Whereas an estimated 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States and, in the majority of such cases, the person is stalked by someone who is not a stranger;

Whereas 81 percent of women who are stalked by an intimate partner are also